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This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 28, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application. October 28, 2008 is three months from the mailing date of the Office Action. Accordingly, this Amendment and Reply accompanying RCE is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: